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Rockville, Maryland 20857

Re: Genetic Engineering

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to urge your organization to require the labeling of genetically engineered food products and crops. As a consumer I am very concerned about the future impact of genetic modification on myself, my young child and on the environment. I believe the labeling of such products will at the very least give consumers the right to choose whether we want to purchase these altered products.

Since your organization has such powerful influence you also have the ability to request that the manufacturers of such modified foods be held liable for any future damage that their experiments/products may cause to the environment. It does not seem that sufficient research has been done to assess the impact of this new biotechnology on people and the environment, and therefore it only seems natural that the companies which benefit monetarily from the production and distribution of these products should be held liable for any harm they may cause. If the biotech firms are deemed responsible for any potential damage, they may have more of an interest in testing their products before bringing them to market. Almost every manufacturer of goods in this country, from tires to drugs, is responsible for potential damage that their products may cause, and the biotech industry (in relation to the genetic modification of agriculture) should be no different.

I urge you to please require the mandatory labeling of such products and to hold the companies that "create" these products responsible for their impact.

Sincerely,

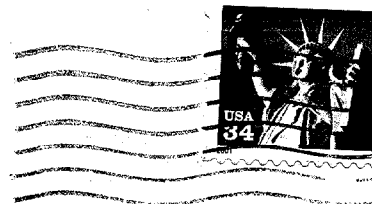


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